

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 – our ref: FOI 19/20_488

I write in response to your request under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

I confirm that the Trust holds the information you requested. Please see the replies, set out against your questions, below:

1. *Does your Trust you have specialist clinics for patients who have had treatment for cervical cancer and are experiencing the late effects of pelvic radiotherapy, e.g. bowel or urinary issues (also known as pelvic radiation disease or PRD)?*
 - a. *If so, please give details of:*
 - i. *The clinic(s) name and opening times*
 - ii. *Annual caseload*
 - iii. *The proportion of patients referred direct from oncology*
 - iv. *The proportion of patients referred from their GP*

No we do not currently have a specialist late effects clinic running but we are looking into developing the service on a more formal basis as these patients are currently cared for by a Gynae specialist radiographer and clinical nurse specialist who refer back to the consultant oncologist where required.

2. *Does your oncology team have a standardised method of identifying people with PRD for referral (e.g. by asking patients the questions in the ALERT-B tool to support the clinical assessment of patients suitable for referral to a gastroenterologist)?*

No, the Trust does not currently use ALERT-B; our clinicians are assessing the most effective tool to use.

3. *Does your radiotherapy centre ensure patients are aware of possible acute and long-term side effects of pelvic radiotherapy before they undergo treatment? If so, how?*

Yes, patients are fully informed as part of the consent process. The Gynae specialist radiographer and CNS are also available to provide additional support and information. Consent is subsequently checked at the time of the planning scan and confirmed again before the first treatment session.

4. *Does your radiotherapy centre offer a range of materials to support with acute or late effects of radiotherapy, e.g. booklets, symptom checklist, toilet cards? If so, what materials do you provide?*

At their first Oncology appointment, patients are given a pack put together by the CNS's, that includes the side effects of chemotherapy, PC1233 Preparing bladder and bowel before radiotherapy, PC610 HDR Brachytherapy for cancer of the cervix and their contact details. Consultant oncologist quite often gives them some Macmillan booklets on pelvic radiotherapy for women (managing both early and late side effects). We also have various leaflets on display in the clinic review room, including toilet cards.

At their first review appointment, we complete an EHNA (Electronic holistic needs assessment) with the patient if they haven't already had one completed after their surgery.



When the patient comes for their 2 week follow up appointment a EOT summary will be sent to both the patient and the GP. The EOT summary is just a standard form with options to add/delete where needed.

5. Do your gastroenterologists and dieticians use the PRD bowel algorithm, published in 'The Practical Management of the Gastrointestinal Symptoms of Pelvic Radiation Disease'?
https://www.macmillan.org.uk/images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease_tcm9-300557.pdf

No